LEVEL ONE

*Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:2*


# Soundings

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## Building Bridges

by Sharon Lone-Browder, Associate in Ministry

The cross burning incident in Arlington is a wake-up call for all of us.

The Northwest Washington Synod Anti-Racism Committee has been invited by the Stillaguamish Cluster and the Arlington Ministerial Association to offer the ELCA *Bridges to Human Community* workshop. This workshop will allow congregations and individuals to simply talk about the issues of racism that still exist in our society. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Our Saviour's, Arlington.

If the all-day workshop does not seem the way to go for your congregation, the Synod Anti-Racism Committee has many other educational curriculum for Adult Forums and other small group studies. The Committee members are happy to discuss what will work best for you. Some of these studies include:

- **The Family of God**—a video and guide for Pre-Adolescents
- **You Can't Do It Alone**—fighting racism, video and study guide
- **No Hate Allowed**—a resource for action against racial hate crimes
- **Freed in Christ: Study Guide**—ELCA Social Statement

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## Synod News and Information

# Dollars and Cents

### Synod Financial Workshop

Learn more about financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll and taxes as they relate to congregations at the 2004 Financial Workshop. All congregational financial leaders (treasurers, financial secretaries, bookkeepers, finance committee members and pastors) are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held on *Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Prince of Peace, 14514 20th Ave NE, Shoreline.* Registration and coffee will start at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at noon.

The program will not only include presentations and discussions, but also time for treasurers to share information about what is working and is not working in other congregations.

The Financial Workshop is sponsored by your Synod Finance Committee. To make sure that this workshop is meaningful to you we would like you to share with us some specific topics you would like to have discussed. Share your ideas with Janet Shadle at jesgetc@aol.com or telephone 206-276-1209.

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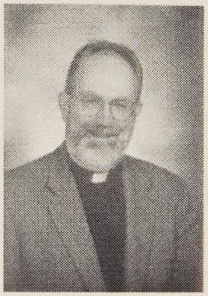
# A Word From The Bishop



Rev. Chris Boerger

**"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."**
2 Timothy 3: 16-17 NRSV

As the Synod Assembly ended, I thought to myself that I wondered how long it would be before I heard that the ELCA or the synod had voted against the Bible, marriage and repentance. The actions of the assembly could be interpreted that way. I disagree.

The constitutions of the three expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America state clearly that "This church, synod, congregation accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life." The synod assembly cannot and did not change that very clear statement.

The same thing can be said about our understanding of repentance. We understand that we are changed by the work of God's salvation in us and that part of that work is repentance. Repentance is not a work we do to receive the grace of God. It is the result of the grace of God taking hold of our lives and leading us into newness of life.

We are engaged in a difficult discussion about sexual identity and God's creative and recreative work in our lives. We all need to live lives of repentance. We all need to wrestle with the power of sin in all aspects of our lives. Everyone needs to repent of our sinful use of the gift of sexuality. In the same way we need to repent of our sinful stewardship, racism, idolatry of self, etc. Life is full of the call and the need of repentance.

That is not an excuse to continue in myself. That is a confession we all need to make and where we need the power of the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace in our lives.

The arguments at the last assembly are important. They speak of our life together and of our understanding of how we are the church. Let us continue the discussions with confidence that we are called to be God's people at this time. We are given the tools we need to wrestle with the issues before us. We will use the Word of God to lead us into repentance and into the good works that God has for us to do.

# Synod Assembly Recognitions

*Bishop Boerger (far right) presented 60-year ordination certificates to (left to right) Erman Lunder, Robert Rieke, and Oscar Rolander.*

Each year at the Synod Assembly, the Synod gives special recognition to those who have reached a milestone. This year the Assembly recognized the following people. Congratulations.

**Ordinations**

**70-Year:** Norris Stoa

**65-Year:** Edward Kasten

**60-Year:** Raymond Hedberg, Erman Lunder, Galen Morstad, Robert Rieke, Oscar Rolander and Roland Wuest

**50-Year:** Earl Ericksen, John Gilmore, John Greeny, Lowell Knutson, Roald Kverndal, A. Milton Lundeen, Herbert Ringo and Wesley Tollefson

**25-Year:** John Ericksen, Penelope Guntermann, Kathryn Lee, Patricia Lull, Ronald Marshall, Martha Myers, Walter Rice, Mark Samuelson, Thomas Wert

**Retirements**—Daryl Daugs, John Engstrom and Sherry Kiefel

**25-Year Associate in Ministry Certification—** Helen Killmer

# Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

The 2004 Synod Assembly elected nine persons to serve as voting members of the 2005 Churchwide Assembly. The 2005 Churchwide Assembly will be held August 8-14 in Orlando, Florida. The Bishop is an ex officio voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.

**Clergy**—Rev. Christopher Berry, Faith, Bellingham; Rev. Sarah France, Faith, Everett; and Rev. Ron Moe-Lobeda, University, Seattle

**Lay male,** person of color—Carlos Aguero, Fir-Conway, Mount Vernon

**Lay male**—Steven Chapman, Central, Seattle; and David Swartling, Bethany, Bainbridge Island

**Lay female**—Sharon Greenwood, Queen Anne, Seattle; Pamela Kluth, Trinity, Everett; and Margit Peiffle, Our Saviour's, Arlington

# Synod Council Elections

**Treasurer**—Richard Bridges, Trinity, Lynnwood
**Youth**—Molly Ness, Faith, Redmond
**Associate in Ministry**—Holly Johnson, Ballard First, Seattle
**Clergy,** person of color—Rev. Jennifer Schultz, First, Mount Vernon
**Clergy,** unrestricted—Rev. Christopher Berry, Faith Bellingham; Rev. Lisa Dahlen, Crown, Seattle; and Rev. Jeffrey Gaustad, Christ the King, Snohomish
**Lay Male,** unrestricted—Wayne Daley, Bethany, Bainbridge Island; George Nowadnick, Christ the King, Snohomish; and Ron Sailer, Bethlehem, Marysville
**Lay female,** unrestricted—Sherianne Caldwell, Luther Memorial, Seattle; Claudia La Follette, Burlington, Burlington; and Kathy Thulin, Faith, Bellingham

# Resolutions and Amendments

For full information on resolutions, amendments and other Assembly news, please visit www.lutheransnw.org.

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| SA.2004.01 | Bi-annual Assemblies—*Pass* |
| SA.2004.02 | On Sexual Healing—*Fail* |
| SA.2004.03 | Congregational Referendums—*Fail* |
| SA.2004.04 | Keeping the Holy Bible First and Foremost—*Substitute Motion, Pass* |
| SA.2004.05 | Affirming Marriage—*Fail* |
| SA.2004.06 | Faithful Congregations—*Pass* |
| SA.2004.07 | Authorization to Expend Funds for New and Renewed Ministries—*Pass* |
| SA.2004.08 | Authorization to Expend Funds for Leadership Development and Stewardship and Evangelism Support—*Pass* |
| SA.2004.09 | ELCA Communication Efforts to End Military Involvement in Iraq—*Pass* |
| SA.2004.10 | Focus of the Church—*Referred to Synod Council* |
| SA.2004.11 | To Poll Congregations of the ELCA to Affirm or Recommend CCM—*Referred to Synod Council* |
| Amendments 38, 39, 41 and 43 | To bring the Synod Constitution into Conformance with the Model Constitution of the Synods—*Pass (Amendment 43 was for information only)* |
| Amendment 40 | Empowers the Synod Council to establish organization units—*Pass* |
| Amendment 42 | To allow changes in composition and names of clusters—*Pass* |

# Saying Good-bye

*Donene Blair receiving a dozen long-stem pink roses from the Assembly.*

At this year's Synod Assembly a special recognition was given to Donene Blair, Executive Assistant of the Northwest Washington Synod. Bishop Chris Boerger thanked her for her many years of service to the Synod.

On August 6, Donene will leave her position to enter the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., to pursue a M. Div. degree.

Donene served under five bishops: Chris Boerger, Don Maier, Lowell Knutson, Paul Bartling and Tom Blevins. The Synod will greatly miss her knowledge, organizational skills and her call to ministry.

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## Building Bridges

- **Even the Stones Will Cry Out For Justice**—Adult Study
- **Regarding Bridges: A youth Sensitivity Training**—produced by Lutheran Human Relations Association (LHRA)

Also, a new opportunity that has become available, ***Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church*...A Journey for White Christians from Privilege to Partnership.** This is a year-long journey through the seasons of the church year and is an opportunity to explore who we are as people who often, unknowingly, participate in systems that perpetuate power and privilege. The journey begins and ends in baptismal waters.

The Anti-Racism Committee already has a group in our synod (members from Immanuel and St. John United, Seattle) who are wrestling with the reality of white privilege. Our privilege. This group wants to encourage others to take this challenge. The journey begins with the season of Advent.

Also, please remember that the committee is available to speak at an Adult Forum to inform and enlighten in any way possible. Our Committee is about *Building Bridges* and hope that you will take advantage of the above-mentioned opportunities as you being to plan your education hours and other adult/high school education adventures for the Fall and throughout the church year.

Please let us hear from you. Contact Sharon Lone-Browder, email jonshar1@aol.com or telephone 425-290-9668; or contact Kathy Long, email kblonde@comcast.net or telephone 425-497-9090.

# Politics and Congregations

by Phil Harris, ELCA General Counsel, and David Ullrich, ELCA Associate General Counsel

In each election year questions on what type of political activities churches can participate in increase. This year is no exception, and we would like to point you to several very useful resources that cover the topic of political activities by religious organizations.

The first is a 24-page document from the *Pew Forum, Politics in the Pulpit, A Guide to the Internal Revenue Code Restrictions on Political Activity of Religious Organizations.* (http://pewforum.org/publications/reports/IRCbrochureBIG.pdf)

The second is another very comprehensive article entitled *Political Activity Guidelines for Catholic Organizations*, but is equally applicable to all religious groups. (http://www.nccbuscc.org/ogc/guidelines.htm)

While no resource covers every question, these two resources go a long way in addressing most issues. For additional resources on voter participation and involvement, see http://faithfuldemocracy.org/.

Update

# Board of Pensions

**Dependent Coverage**—Has your child graduated? Congratulations! Have a child heading to college next fall? Want to know more about your child's eligibility for ELCA health coverage? View and download more information at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/enrollment/extending_coverage.asp

**Step Therapy Helps Manage Drug Costs**—The Board of Pensions and Express Scripts are working together to manage rising drug costs. Effective June 1, the ELCA health plan began a step therapy program for certain classes of drugs. In step therapy, specific high-cost drugs are covered by the plan only after clinically appropriate, proven and more cost effective step-one generic medications are tried. Learn more by selecting the step therapy link at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/health_tutorials/ways_save

**Salary Reduction Billing Changes**—The Board of Pensions is changing the way it bills for salary-reduction and housing equity contributions. Beginning in July, you will be billed retroactively for the contributions. Employers will not receive a salary-reduction or housing equity billing notice in June for July contributions, instead, you will receive a billing notice for July contributions in mid-July. There will be no lapse in your contributions. To comply with IRS regulations, please remit your contribution payment after the money is withheld from your pastor, churchworker or other employee's check.

## Farm Share

Members of Bethany in Seattle are spending their Sunday afternoons working on a local farm. This is a new program that Bethany is pioneering that will help feed the hungry and support local farmers. The program is called Farm Share: Hand-in-Hand for Daily Bread.

Community and friends volunteer one Sunday afternoon a month on a Certified Naturally Grown farm in Kent to plant, weed and harvest. In return, six local families of need will receive free weekly baskets of farm-fresh produce from June through October.

Besides helping others in need, volunteers will also get to hear the snap of fresh peas, taste the milky kernels of newly picked corn and have juicy tomatoes running down their chins. Yum.

Volunteers will learn how a naturally grown farm works and will also sample the fresh taste of the farm. Contact Pastor Dennis Andersen for more details of this wonderful new program.

## Where Did It Go?

*Lutheran Vespers*

Financial support was down. The number of listeners were down. So, in April, the Synod Council voted to cancel the contract for *Lutheran Vespers* on KAPS 660 AM in Mount Vernon.

*Lutheran Vespers* might be off the air, but the interest is still there. The synod office and churchwide have received requests to place *Lutheran Vespers* back on the air. We have received letters from listeners who have said that the program helped them through a difficult time.

Bishop Chris Boerger is convening a group to determine if there are supporters who are willing to help with the promotion and fund raising. If you would like to help see that Lutheran Vespers gets another chance of being on the air, please contact the synod office at 1-800-244-6997 or email LutheranVespers@lutheransnw.org.

## Claimed by God's Grace

The 2004 Global Mission Events (GMEs) are right around the corner. They will take place July 15-18 in Bozeman, Montana; and July 29 through August 1 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This year the theme *Claimed by God's Grace* calls us together to live out our faith in the reality of the global context knowing that we are claimed through our baptism into Christ.

The Bozeman event will take place at Montana State University, Bozeman Campus. For more information, visit the GME website at www.elca.org/gme for details.

## Souper Bowl Sunday Tally

With contributions still being tallied, 2,117 Lutheran congregations report raising $581,606 for the 2004 Souper Bowl of Caring (2003 totals: 1,970 Lutheran congregations raised $503,880).

Lutherans are part of the ecumenical, grassroots team. So far, the total tally is $4,166,516 million from 12,614 participating organizations. Go to *www.souperbowl.org* for the latest totals and more information. Read the February 4, 2004, ELCA News Service press release, "Lutherans among Most Valuable Players on Super Bowl Sunday," at www.elca.org/newsevents.html Most Souper Bowl Sunday efforts find youth collecting cash donations and cans of food in big soup kettles after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, and many also do "Service Blitz" (volunteer) activities. Totals are reported to Super Bowl headquarters.

Each group decides where to donate their food, money, and volunteer service. Many ELCA groups choose to give all or some of the money they raise during their Souper Bowl of Caring efforts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

## Why Boys Leave The Church

### And what to Do About It.

Paul Hill's opening lecture at the 2004 PLU Summer Theological Conference will focus on the struggles of the adolescent male and how the church can be helpful. This opening lecture will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19, at PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center.

You can attend this lecture, even if you are not attending the whole conference. You pay only $20 per person or $15 per person (for groups of five or more persons). The lecture will also be available for free "life" on the internet through PLU's LUTECAST. For more information, please visit www.plu.edu/~crel/events/ or call PLU at 253-535-7423.

## *Fill Them With Love*

On Sunday, May 2, members of Bethlehem in Sedro Woolley blessed 120 quilts and blankets. All of these blankets and quilts were given to *Project Linus,* a nonprofit organization that gives the blankets to children ages birth to 18 years old who have been traumatized. The children will receive these quilts and blankets through the Sedro-Woolley Police and Fire Departments, schools, county hospitals and funeral homes.

The congregation *filled these quilts and blankets with love* so that the needy children will feel the comfort that they need. For more information about *Project Linus* visit their website at www.projectlinus.org or contact Becky Bunke, Bethlehem in Sedro Woolley, at 360-856-6181 or email at blc.sw@verizon.net.

# Advocacy Ministry

By Rev. Paul B. Benz, Director, Lutheran Public Policy Office

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As we enter the month of July the *big* event is the Fourth of July weekend. This is a time of personal relaxation, enjoying family and friends, or traveling to a favorite destination.

Over the past couple of years we have seen and heard a lot about patriotism and service to country. However, this year I urge you to think of your baptismal vocation as the *big* event for July, particularly as it applies to the concept of **faithful citizenship** – citizenship in the body of Christ and in the body politic of our state, nation and world. Voting (registration, education and participation) certainly is an important part of being a faithful citizen and is an expression of our patriotism and our service to country.

Our presiding bishop, Mark Hanson, has encouraged all of us in the ELCA to be a public church for the life of the world and to be active in the political and public sphere of life.

LPPO can help. As the statewide initiatives for the November ballot are finalized, LPPO will make available summary statements of the affects and consequences of the initiatives. Another excellent resource for congregations *Election Matters: Vote To End Hunger* and is printed by Bread for the Wor.ld (BFW) . To order, contact BFW at 1-800-82-BREAD or visit their website at www.bread.org. This resource shows how we can urge those running for public office to not forget the hungry in our midst. (Remember, Washington State has the fifth highest rate of hunger in the country.)

Finally, summer is a good time to read. I recommend an excellent book written by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, who teaches at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry and is a member at University Lutheran in Seattle. The book is called *Public Church for the Life of the World*. Dr. Moe-Lobeda lays out the theological points for a public faith. You can order your copy from Augsburg Fortress, or the LPPO office has copies as well.

Please keep me in mind as you do your fall planning. I am scheduling my Sunday morning advocacy "teach & preach" presentations. I enjoy, and believe it is important to be in the congregation, sharing and preaching about the advocacy ministry of our Church.

God's blessings to you this summer.

# News and Notes

- **Rev. Herb Anderson** (ret.) ended his work at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle, at the end of May. Beginning in September, he will be visiting Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Yale Divinity School . He will hold that position for one year.
- A special thanks to **Bethlehem in Marysville**. The congregation responded to Pastor John Lindsay's request in *Soundings* for a second-hand paper folder. The paper folder was delivered, and is being used and much appreciated by **The Lutheran Church in the San Juans**.
- Congratulations to **Faith in Seattle.** The congregation received an Excellence in Construction, Tenant Improvement/Renovation award for 2004 from the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.
- **Holy Trinity on Mercer Island** is spearheading the development of a new relationship with El Milagro. El Milagro is the small El Salvadoran community of 25 families. Members of Holy Trinity will be working, praying, dreaming and growth with El Milagro during the next three years as they support them with time, energy, enthusiasm, prayer and financial support. A display of photos and information about each of the families in El Milagro gives even more information as members learn about this small village.
- Congratulations to **John Grebe of Redmond** who will be participating in the Ethiopia Immersion Trip, a joint undertaking of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and grant monies from Ministries Among People in Poverty (MAPP).
- **"Phase Two" of the next step for *Faithful Yet Changing: The Plan for Mission in the ELCA*** is being conducted from May though July of 2004. This is the second of three phases. The process will lead to a new design for the ELCA churchwide organizations' structure, budget and staffing. Phase Two involves "building and developing models. At its April meeting the Church Council constituted a "representative panel" of nominees from various units of the ELCA. Bjorn Scarseth of Issaquah accepted an invitation to serve on the panel.
- **Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham** is ready for summer! On May 1, *Join Hands Day*, more than 160 people showed up to help get the camp ready for the children, young adults and families. Volunteers build the 13 foot Blob Tower, cleared trails, filled pot holes, spread wood chips, serviced the boats, weeded gardens, cut and installed gutters, and much more. More than $6,666.67, which is being matched by Thrivent for a total contribution of $10,000 for the ministries at Camp Lutherwood. Visit www.campulutherwood.org for photos and camp information.

# Within Our Family

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† **Rev. Charlene Cox** whose father, Melvin "Mel" Rachuy passed away in April. He was 83 years old. He died in the same town in which he was born, Westbrook, Minn. Peace to his memory.

† The family of **Beverly Kindschuh, wife of Rev. E. H. "Kink" Kindschuh.** Beverly passed away in Oregon in April. Rev. Kindschuh who served Holy Trinity, Mercer Island for many years. Cards may be sent to: Rev. E. H. Kindschuh, 56577 Cascade View Dr., Warren, OR 97053-9739. Peace to her memory.

† The family of **Rev. Lowell Holte (ret.)** who passed away on April 28. His service was held at First in Mount Vernon. Rev. Holte was ordained in 1942 and served the following congregations: American Lutheran at Hamar and Tolna, Sansvar at Warwick, Knife River & First at Palermo, ND; Bethlehem at Ross, Stanley at Stanley, and First at White Earth, ND; Grace, Salem, OR; and First, Mount Vernon, WA. He retired in 1977. Peace to his memory.

† The family of **Marie Jodock, Associate in Ministry,** (ret.) who passed away on May 30. Her service was held at Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor.. Marie was born on 1923 in Wildrose, ND, and received her certificate of Associate in Ministry in 1965. She served Central in Everett, Maple Leaf in Seattle, First Lutheran of Richmond Beach and The Hearthstone in Seattle. She is survived by her brothers, Norman and his wife Agnes, and Selmer (Sam) and his wife Ruth; Marvin's wife Wyona; and many nieces and nephews. Peace to her memory.

† **Rev. Bruce Pond (ret.),** former pastor of Central Lutheran and most recently a member of Immanuel Lutheran. For health reasons he recently moved to Pennsylvania to live with his daughter. He is currently on dialysis and is receiving radiation treatment for a tumor on his spine.

† The families who live in the **Northeastern Iowa Synod** as they recover from the floods that have hit their communities this spring. Lutheran Disaster Response has created a Northweastern Iowa Flood Relief fund for those who would like to provide financial support.

† **Cherilyn Anderson, wife of Rev. Arnold Anderson,** who began chemotherapy. Pastor Anderson has been serving as supply pastor for Vashon, Vashon Island.

† **Rev. Randy Sinn, pastor at Faith, North Lakewood.** Pastor Sinn is home after giving his brother, **Chris Sinn**, 60% of his liver. Their sister Barbara, member of Calvary in Seattle, gave a kidney. Please continue to

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## Within Our Family

pray for Pastor Sinn and his family; and his sister Barbara and her family, as they continue to recuperate from this difficult surgery. Also, continue to pray for Chris and his wife, Trudy, and their two teenage children as Chris continues to heal. Chris lives on the east coast and is now out of the hospital.

† **Phil Young, husband of Linda Albert Young.** Phil has recently learned that the leukemia has returned. Please pray for Linda, Phil and their son, Gabriel, in their continuing journey for Phil's healing.

† **Rev. Donna Reilly Williams** is continuing to recover from ankle surgery.

† **Rev. Paul Wuest** has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing treatment at this time. Cards may be sent to: 12718 SE 254th Ct.; Kent, WA 98031; prwuest@comcast.net.

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he deals with progressive muscular dystrophy.

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he learns to do new things.

† At the regular T**uesday worship and synod staff meeting,** we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for the health and healing of those we mention in our hearts . We pray for our brothers and sisters in Chris in our companion synods in Ethiopia and Russia. We pray for the pastors, churches and members of the Southwestern Texas Synod, as we are partnered with them by Churchwide. We pray for peace.

***Within Our Family** depends upon you--not only for prayers, but also your prayer requests. Please contact the Synod office with any additions to this column.*

## Youth Events This Summer

**Summer Leadership Camps**

Thursday, July 29 to Sun, Aug 1 @ Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah—Youth Workers! We have several different "varieties" of events, all focusing on different aspects and opportunities of leadership for you to send your congregation's young people to this summer. All of these events will be happening at the same time in the same place, so bring your whole group!

**Evergreen Youth Television (July 21-August 1, 2004)** provides intensive workshops for youth interested in video production from a faith and values perspective. Contact EYTV @ www.eytv.org for further details.

For further information, contact Rachel Gomez-Acosta, Congregational Ministry Assistant, Region 1, 206 624-0093 x113 or email: rachel.gomez-acosta@ecunet.org.

## Employment Opportunities

*More information regarding these positions is available at www.lutheransnw.org.*

### Youth Director

Lord of Life in Renton, has a position open for a half-time Youth Director.. The successful candidate will work closely with pastor and staff; organize and oversee regular youth meetings; worship at Lord of Life and be available at both services; develop separate gatherings and meetings for High School and Middle School youth; be a spiritual leader to the young people of LOL; and other duties. Salary at $13,520/year plus 6% for help with benefits. 20 hours per week. Three weeks paid vacation for first five years of service, four weeks after 5 years. Three floating holidays to be arranged with the pastor when needed. For more information contact Pastor Jim Rismiller at 425-226-2871.

## Available

### Choir Robes

Fourteen olive green choir robes. Multiple sizes. Contact Holy Spirit in Kirkland at 425-823-2727.

### Pipe Organ

Luther Memorial Church in Tacoma has a pipe organ to give away, preferably to a church or school. It is a two manual, 12-rank instrument was built and installed by Balcom and Vaughan in 1933 and has been in use ever since. Please call Jerry Merriman at 253-752-6700 or Emilie Pedersen at 253-627-5604 for further information or to make an appointment.

## In The Resource Center

### Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

- *The Lord's Prayer: Entering into God's Country with Walt Wangerin, Jr.*—The Lord's Prayer may be the best known and best loved prayer in history. And yet this prayer that Jesus himself gave us is almost mysterious in it simplicity. In this video, Wangerin explores the petitions and the structure of the Lord's Prayer. He sheds light on what the Lord's Prayer reveals about God's nature and our own nature, and how we should live in relationship with God and one another. Eight segments and a study guide. V-1361.
- *An Insider's View of Jesus*— What would it feel like if Jesus had called you to be a disciple? Serious business? A laughing matter? In this video Ted and Lee turn 12 three to ten minute skits into meaningful lessons for youth. Their portrayals of disciples Peter and Andrew give viewers a new and realistic sense of what it must have been like for real people to encounter the Man of Galilee. V-1357.

## Transitions

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| **Anniversaries** | Good Shepherd, Snohomish | Sanctuary dedication | 4/4/2004 |
| | Wooden Cross, Woodinville | Groundbreaking | 4/25/2004 |
| **Calls Accepted** | K. David Daugs, Synod Council Call | St. Paul's of Shorewood, Seattle | 3/9/2004 |
| | Mark Samulson | Trinity, Point Roberts | 3/1/2004 |
| **Death** | Reuben G. Pirner | | 3/16/ 2004 |
| | Marie Jodock | | 5/30/2004 |
| **Retirements** | John D. Engstrom | | 4/1/2004 |
| **Transfers In/Out** | K. David Daugs | from SWWA Synod | 3/9/2004 |
| | Mark Samuleson | from SWWA Synod | 3/1/2004 |

## Mobility

| **Congregations/Agencies In Call Process** | **Position** | **Status** | **Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bellingham, Our Saviour's | PR | TR | James Miley, Interim |
| Bow, Edison | PR | TR | Linda Larson, Interim |
| Burien, Glendale | PR | I | Douglas Stensby, Interim |
| Des Moines, Grace | A | I | Ed Markquart/John O'Neal co-pastors |
| Edmonds, St. Matthew | PR | TR | Dennis Schaffert, Interim |
| Everett, Faith | PR | NV | Interim Pending |
| Everett, Our Savior's | A | NV | David Parks, Pastor |
| Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda | PR | NV | Steve Nelson, Interim |
| Renton, Cross & Crown | PR | TR | Tim Wolbrecht, Interim |
| Renton, Nativity | PR | I | Arden Barden, Interim |
| Seattle, Peace | PR | NV | Linda Nou, Interim |
| Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood | PR | NV | David Daugs, Interim |
| Vashon, Vashon | PR | P | Interim Pending |

**Mobility Position Key:**
PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Empahsi contact Synod Office)

**Mobility Status Key:**
I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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